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COVERS RICHEST GOLD AREA IN CALIFORNIA

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From the Californian, March 15, 1848:
The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. — Alexander Hamilton

Thinking Out Loud

H. M. L.

In the last issue of this newspaper we laid our labor disturbance in Nevada County at the door of the White House where it belongs. What this county is enduring is perhaps not so aggravating to average American citizens as the outrages perpetrated in the sacred name of labor in eastern cities. Yet in Nevada County the citizenship is more resentful of outside interference with its mining industry, than perhaps anywhere else in the United States. This, for the reason that we are the descendants of the 49ers who carved a gold empire out of the massive flanks of the Sierras.

Our history has been one of self sufficiency. We have settled our disputes reasonably and amicably among ourselves without recourse to distant labor overlords. This county has produced hundreds of millions in gold that has helped to make the United States the rich and powerful nation it is. While this basic commodity of all wealth has been, and is being produced, wages through out Nevada County have been higher than anywhere else in California. When Nevada County mine operators were paying an average wage some two years ago of $4.50 per day, Amador county mines were paying $3.50. The average scale today arrived at through agreements and contracts between mine management and the Mine Workers Protective League is approximately $5.00. We need no copper miners from Montana or Arizona, who for a brief time while the Roosevelt sun of prosperity shone, shared in copper profits in their wage scales, to tell us how to run the gold mining industry. High wage scales mean nothing when they cannot be depended upon for steady job and a living. The Roosevelt depression today is due in large measure to high wage scales reflected in the price of all commodities that enter into every day living costs.

Resentment in Nevada county over the communistic tactics of the CIO affiliate here is steadily growing. The threat of a certain CIO official who came here from Idaho, to "break the county" is apparently being carried out. The cost of extra deputies and the cost of supporting the families of the CIO members who have quit work on pretext of picketing, to hang about pool halls and liquor emporiums, to hold nightly seances, to create peace disturbances late at night, are well known. They have lost the respect of all sober, industrious citizens. Under the most favorable circumstances few of them could or would hold a job.

This attempt to "tie down on the community," to increase the load already borne by Nevada County tax payers is arousing the indignation of an overwhelming majority of citizens. We have constantly in this column warned against the formation of extra legal bodies which seek to take the law into their own hands. Vigilante committees are justifiable only when the machinery of justice breaks down as it did in San Francisco's early history and the people's servants are cowed or bought over by corrupt forces. But, here and now Sheriff Tobiassen, himself, has warned that now is no time to complicate condtiions, and thus make his work of maintaining the peace harder.

Yet hundreds of men are becoming restless under the load imposed by a handful of malcontents and their families who have "laid down" on the tax payers. How long public indignation, in view of last Friday night's "parade," can be controlled, is becoming a pressing question. The history of Nevada County is the history of an upstanding, law abiding citnzenship. Yet at rare intervals when undigestible elements entered or thrust themselves into the county economy, like a strong man retching, the sturdy citizens rose en masse and when the community ceased heaving, leaders of discordant and subversive groups found themselves landed beyond the county boundaries.

Devotedly we hope that the tax payers of Nevada County will not be seized by an economi nausea. We have every confidence that Sheriff Tobiassen and his deputies, assisted by the State Traffic road to keep all roads clear, can handle any situation that may arise. The sheriff states that he has had over 500 offers of assistance from reputable citizens in all walks of life. This assurance of preparedness should be enough to quiet the community's rising gorge against this communistic intrusion.

Another C.I.O. Lie Refuted

THE TRUTH

The following telegram was received from Robert Searls, San Francisco, attorney for the Newmont mining company:

H. M. Leete,
Publisher Nevada City Nugget.

A local publication known as the "Miners' Voice" quotes me as having stated to a Labor Board representative that negotiations would be opened by the Empire Star Mines Company, Limited, with the International Mill and Smelter Workers Union, and all men who ceased work at the Murchie Mine would be re-instated. **These statements are absolutely untrue** and the direct opposite of what I advised Messrs. Larse and Robinson was the present position of the company. Would appreciate your correcting any public misunderstanding which may have been caused by the publication in question.

ROBERT M. SEARLS.

THE FALSEHOOD

The following paragraph, which the telegram at the left is intended to refute, appeared Saturday morning in the handbill known as the "Miners' Voice":

Investigating Attorney Andrew Larsen, of the NLRB, and International President Reid Robinson, met with the Murchie Mine attorney Robert Searls in San Francisco on Wednesday. All agreed that the time had arrived when negotiations should be started toward affecting a strike settlement. Attorney Searls indicated that all the men could be put back to work. He further inferred that orders to negotiate would have to come from New York City.

NOTE—At the CIO meeting Sunday, February 6, 317 were present. On February 13, there were 200. Last night, February 20, the number was 35.

Statement of the Murchie Mine Workers

We are fully aware of the circulation of news in regard to the so-called Murchie Mine strike by the CIO publicity agents. It is to clear away all doubts as to our stand that this statement has been prepared for the press.

A few miners, aided by the spirit of alcoholism, the minority of the CIO sympathizers and the activities of an official of the local I. M. M. & S. U., an affiliate of the CIO., took it upon themselves to declare a strike at the Murchie Mine and stopped the majority of the day shift from going to work the morning of January 15. This action was unfair and uncalled for and was further exemplified because many of the bewildered workers held CIO cards and did not know of the "lock-out" effort on the part of the CIO organizers in the district.

We workers in a majority, 62½% of the workers, asked permission of the mine management to return to work, which we had so unwittingly allowed to be temporarily disrupted by outsiders and local CIO, the minority. This permission was granted and on January 20th we returned to work. We appreciate the backing we received by local organizations and citizens in our back-to-work movement. The law enforcement agencies were present to prevent and unlawful acts committed by any American citinzen or foreigner. Six so-called pickets, of whom one had never worked at the Murchie Mine and one who had not worked at the Murchie Mine for the past two years, were arrested by the officers for illegal acts. The other pickets were made up of the minority of the Murchie workers and off-shift miners from other mines in the district, who are more interested in CIO activities than they are in respecting the majority of the workers in the Nevada City-Grass Valley mining district.

We cannot understand why any organization for the good of labor and the community would tolerate an attempted "lock-out" that would cause loss and hardship not only to their own members but every wage earner in the district. We believe that the National Labor Relations Board should have been consulted **before**, and not **after**, the CIO organizers had caused this grievious occurrence in our community. We believe the whole affair to be an attempted "locko-out" and not a strike. We realize the undue hardships many families of this district have undergone and we place the responsibility on the outside and the local CIO organizers.

We are for law and order and the rights as American citizens to pursue our work with peace and tranquility.

As the majority of the Murchie Mine workers we respect the law enforcement agencies of Nevada County, the State of California, and of the United States of America. We stand firm on our rights of civil liberties and the right to work. We fully intend to protect our rights our families and our jobs from any organization which allows any organizer or agitator to use such unscrupulous methods as have been used here and in the end leave the effects of their dastardly work upon the shoulders of the men and their families whom they have so misled.

We are resolved to remain untainted by the efforts of those who control the minority and who we believe not only seek to destroy our jobs, locally, but strike at the very foundation of the American system of Government.

THE MURCHIE MINE WORKERS.
HAROLD DEETER, President.
February 19, 1938.

SAN JUAN WILL PETITION FOR LIGHT, POWER

The historic mining town of North San Juan may soon realize one of its fondest dreams—electricity for the entire community. After receiving proper instructions from the railroad commission and officials of the P. G. & E. Mrs. Robert Braithwaite of the Ridge town is putting forth every effort to convince the higher powers that North San Juan has shaken off its epithet of "ghost town" and with the construction and completion of the debris dam on the Upped Narrows of the Yuba river will again spring into a lively cultural and commercial city.

For the past two weeks Mrs. Braithwaite has been circulating a petition in which every house is listed that are potential consumers of electricity. At the directors meeting of the California Hydraulic Mining Association held at noon Saturday in Colfax, Mr. George Hallock, president, was appointed a committee of one to appear personally before the railroad commission in San Francisco and present the petitions and render a plea for lights for the Ridge people.

Mr. Hallock will leave for San Francisco Thursday morning. Consequently each home owner and every renter who have not listed their property or petitioned for lights are urged to call at her home or get in touch with Mrs. Braithwaite before Wednesday evening.

MINE WORKERS LEAGUE EXPELS AL GARESIO

The Mine Workers Protective League on Thursday evening heard the report of its committee which had tried Al Garesio, one time secretary of the CIO affiliate, on charges of bringing members into the league, namely Joe Garesio and Fred Bianci, through misrepresentation. The members voted whether or not to expel Al Garesio. The vote for expulsion was unanimous. Joe Garesio and Bianci will have their hearings before the committee soon.

GUILD FOOD SALE

St. Agnes Guild, under the direction of its president, Mrs. E. M. Rector, will hold a food sale Saturday, February 26 in front of the Alpha building. Delicious home cooked food will be on sale at 10:30. Proceeds are for Trinity church.

SONGS OF A GOTH

A PAINTED FACT

By ROY GRIFFITHS DEETER

Picking strawberries with painted nails
Simply is not done
Because you constantly find yourself
Picking your own thumb.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

President Fred E. Conner announces that there will be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at their rooms in the city hall this evening at eight o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL HONOR WASHINGTON

Nearly all business houses in Nevada City will be closed tomorrow, Washington's Birthday, February 22.

The post office, the bank and all county and city offices will be closed.

The dedication of the new elementary school will take place tomorrow. The school will be open to the public at 1:15 p. m. The program will begin at 2 p. m.

SNOW HAMPERS MAIL SERVICE TO ALLEGHANY

John J. Connell, mail contractor between Forest, Alleghany and Nevada City brought out the first parcel post and first class mail in three or four days from the upper country last Thursday evening. He stated the wind storm of the ninth was the worst ever experienced in the area. Deep snow about the homes prevented damages but some trees were blown down. Mr. Connell spent the week end in this city and is making preparations to take a tractor back with him to travel over the route. He was surprised to find very little snow at North Columbia after traveling through such great depths in the upper country where drfits are fully forth feet in places.

He stated an airplane from Marysville airport dropped supplies to three men at the Seven Aces mine who it is stated were shut off food for about a week. There is no immediate need of food in Alleghany. Power was off three or four days during the worst of the storm but miners have all returned to work as lines have been repaired.

From the Graniteville stage contractor, Steve Matteoda, it was learned snow lies very deep on the ground in that little town. If the snow becomes deeper and no food is taken in, the citizens of the district may suffer. It may become necessary to drop food to the town from an airplane.

Mr. Matteoda stated one of his horses, trained to walk on snow shoes broke loose and ran down a steep canyon into the deep snow without them. The animal was found but it had worked round and round until it had a circular space worked out to stay in. As the horse can not be gotten out hay is being carried to it until the snow melts or a trail can be dug to it.

ASSISTANT RANGER ARRIVES

William Fischer reported at local Tahoe Forest Service headquarters this morning to fill the assistant ranger position at Truckee made vacant by the transfer of Garth M. Flint to Los Padres national forest in Southern California Fischer has spend some time making a complete survey of recreational areas in several national forest and in his region also. He will spend a month at the local headquarters putting this survey in final form, outlining methods to develope resources in accord with public needs.

Miss Catherine Tognarelli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tognarelli, who attends the Dominican convent in San Rafael came up Friday evening for the week end.

DeWitt Nelson, superintendent of Tahoe National Forest, and E. L. Baxter of the local forest service staff left yesterday for Weaverville.

New Elementary School Dedicated Tomorrow

The program prepared by the Nevada City board of education in honor of the dedication of the Nevada City elementary school next Tuesday Washington's birthday, promises to be a most interesting one.

The school building will be thrown open to the public at 1:15 p. m. so that those who have not previously had the opportunity of inspecting the new edifice, may now have the opportunity of doing so. Principal Walter Carlson and the teaching staff of the school, assisted by a committee of pupils, will be in attendance, to point out the features of interest. The Nevada City school band, under the direction of its instructor, Mr. Leslie M. Sweeney, will render appropriate selections during this period.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the program will take place in the new auditorium of the school. The main speaker of the day will be L. F. Byington, a Past Grand President of N. S. G. W. and former resident of Downieville. Introductory remarks will be made by J. F. Colley, president of the board of education. Other speakers will include Mrs. Belle Rolfe Douglass, who will present an interesting sketch of the history of Nevada City schools; Harmon E. Skillen, a Past Grand President of N S. G. W. representing Grand President Eldred L. Meyer, at the dedication; Fred L. Arbogast, a son of old Nevada City who has never learned to transfer his affections away from his birthplace; presentation of flags, a patriotic feature of Native Sons' dedicatory ceremonies, will be made by William L. James, local president of Hydraulic Parlor and acceptance of flags, in behalf of the board of education by E. M. Rector.

A most charming feature of the occasion will consist of a three episode musical pageant and tableau, harmonizing with the spirit of Washington's Birthday, entitled "America, the Beautiful." Three musical features will be performed by the pupils of the elementary school and the high school, under the direction of musical supervisor Mrs. Marian Libbey. An artistic background for a portion of these settings has been specially designed and prepared by Mrs. Doris Foley, of the local school.

Following the program, the audience will adiourn to the rotunda entrance of the building, where the grand officers of the N. S. G. W. will conduct the dedication of the memorial plaque.

The program in detail is as follows:

Musical Pageant "Colonial Days", Mrs. Marian Libbey and pupils.

Introduction by Chairman of the Meeting, J. F. Colley, president of Board of Education.

Address, L. F. Byington, Past Grand President N. S. G. W.

History of Washington School, Mrs. Belle Rolfe Douglass.

"Crossing the Plains", musical pageant, High School pupils and Mrs. Libbey.

Remarks, Harmon E. Skillen, Past Grand President N. S. G. W.

Recollections, Fred L. Arbogast.

Presentation of Flags, William James, President Hydraudic Parlor.

Acceptance of Flags, E. M. Rector, Member Board of Education.

"Young America Today" tableau, Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls.

Chorus (a) Cuckee Clock; (b) Ten Pretty Girls. School pupils and Mrs. Libbey.

Adjournment to rotunda.

Dedication of plaque, Grand Officers of N. S. G. W.

Dedication, Chaplain.

Star Spangled Banner, Chorus accompanied by band.

B. P. W. CLUB WILL DINE AT NEW YORK HOTEL

Mrs. Hal P. Davis will be the guest speaker at dinner meeting of the Business and Professional Womens club at the New York Hotel on Thursday at 6:30 o'clock. Mrs. Davis will talk on "Haiti" where she lived for a number of years. Thursday's dinner will be the clubs first annual "Pal Party" at which gifts for pals, whose names were drawn early in the year will be exchanged.

Elmer Peterson will have an examination made of his right shoulder by a physician tomorrow. It is stated the shoulder has adhesions caused by arthritis.

TRIBUTE PAID TO BUILDERS OF FIRST SCHOOL

(By E. M. Rector, Chairman Building Committee Nevada City Board of Education)

Seventy years ago, while the people of the nation were struggling to put their various houses in order after the chaos of Civil War the citizens of Nevada City concluded very wisely that the first step toward prosperity in a pioneer community should be the establishment of a good school. The answer was the generously proportioned Washington grammar school, built in 1868, dedicated on Washington's Birthday 1869, and financed by the enthusiastic effort and taxing power of a generation which had yet to hear of installment buying or long term bond issues. It was the first educational institution of size and permanency in the community, and, together with Lincoln school, long since demolished, it afforded the community until 1912 both grammar and high school facilities. The present high school was constructed in 1912.

How well it served its purpose—how cherished has been the recollection of its quaint old stateliness, need only be asked of those thousands of sons and daughters of Nevada City who knew it for their Alma Mater from the sixties until the present. When the notes of its last bell pealed forth from the aging belfry, the flowing eyes of many bespoke the wrenched heartstrings of those who listened and wandered—down the lanes of memory to toddling childhood days at Washington school.

But all things must end, and so came the day when a board of education mindful of the needs of a growing community, decided that Nevada City must have a modern school. Nevada City elementary school, up to date, modern and complete in every detail, is the answer. It has recently been completed at a total cost of $117,000. of which $72,000 was furnished by bonds of the school district, and the balance, $45,000 by a kindly government, under public works administration appropriation (Project 1381D).

Thanks are due to the taxpayers of Nevada School District, whose loyal financial support has rendered Nevada City elementary school a reality; also to the Federal Government, which has contributed a very substantial portion of the cost of this project. Also, to the Grand Officers of the Native Sons of the Golden West, we wish to express our appreciation of their sponsorship of the school dedication.

We believe that Nevada City elementary school fulfills the public need of a new and thoroughly up to date educational institution for the grammar school pupils, complete in every detail. Perhaps it is not too much to hope that the generations yet to come may look back fondly to years spent at the splendid school which is now being so happily dedicated, with the same affectionate reverenve we now cherish for its endeared predecessor, Washington grammar school. If so, the humble efforts of this board of education will not have been in vain.

CIVIC CLUB 4TH ANNUAL DINNER, FEB. 28

The Nevada City Womens Civic Club will hold its fourth annual dinner meeting at the Methodist church parlors on Monday, February 28th.

Mrs. Clyde Gwin ischairman of the committee of arrangements with Mrs. Belnap Goldsmith, Mrs. Leland Smith and Mrs. Bert Forman as her helpers. The committee will meet Wednesday to complete arrangements. The affair will be a dinner followed by a short program. It is planned for the members and their husbands.

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A Pinch Of Salt

Propaganda makes a mass attack from all quarters upon the mind and emotions of mankind. Both good and evil, it competes for converts.

The minister in his pulpit preaching brotherly love, warning against cynicism and the break-down of moral standards; the editor fighting for sound American principles; the sincere statesman working for political reform; the teacher inspiring youth to honest thinking—that's the kind of propaganda the world needs.

But the ranting of radical agitators fomenting trouble; of political demagogues seeking to ride into office on vague and impossible promises to the electorate; or dictators preaching intolerance—that's the sort of propaganda the world can do without.

Dr. Eric C. Bellquist, instructor in political science at the University of California, discussing the broad subject of propaganda, urges the habit of "suspended judgment, skepticism and a mood to question, to hesitate." By this standard we must congratulate the voter who "suspends judgment" until he is thoroughly informed; we must applaud his "mood to question" schemes like the One-House Legislature, which would deny rural California an equal voice in legislative affairs; and we must respect his "skepticism" at the proposed revenue bond bill empowering a mere majority of tax-spenders to plunge a whole community into debt.

On the whole, it would seem that a pinch of Salt of Common Sense brings out the real flavor of most propaganda. The proposal of one politician for a state Lottery Board, naming himself as director at a salary of $10,000 a year; the Twenty-Five-Dollars-Every-Morning Pension plan; schemes for costly new boards and commissions, providing new patronage for politicians—less than a pinch of salt should suffice to unmask such propaganda proposals as these. The best antidote for propaganda is still a dash of Common Sense.—Contributed.

Teaching Ducks To Swim

(From the New York World-Telegram)

The WPA, we see, has allotted $85,867 to finance a study of the worth of tourist trade to Florida.

Well, that will be nice work for the relief clients who can get it. And what a field for new WPA projects it opens up! The worth of climate to California, of authors and politicians to Indiana, of oil to Oklahoma and Texas, of steel to Pittsburgh, of skyscrapers to New York, of automobiles to Detroit, of beans to Boston, of government bureaus to Washington.

Why, the possibilities are practically unlimited.

SAN CARLO OPERA CO. TO PRESENT 'CARMEN' MAR. 14

SACRAMENTO, Feb. —. The San Carlo Opera Company, now on its twenty eighth annual transcontinental tour, will again visit Sacramento for a one night engagement in the Memorial Auditorium, Monday, March 14, when it gives a gala performance of "Carmen." This announcement has just been made by Tom C. Girton, who promises an all star cast with the full symphony orchestra, ballet and chorus of the company.

For the title part Fortune Gallo will offer Maru Castagna, sister of Metrolopitan's Bruna Castagna. Maru is making her American debut under the San Carlo's banner, having come here direct from Italy for the present tour of the company. Leola Turner, on whom critics throughout the country have bestowed lavish praise, is to be the Micaela. For the role of Don Jose there will be Aroldo Lindi, famous tenor of the company, while Mostyn Thomas will be the Escamillo.

Aside from San Francisco and San Jose, Sacramento will be the only other city in Northern California where the San Carlo will appear. Advance interest indicates that the company will play to a capacity audience. Tickets for the performance are now on sale at the box office of Willis Bass, Sherman Clay and Company, 914 K. Street, Sacramento.

BOY LOSES TWO FINGERS CRUSHED IN MACHINE

Marvin Young, on Saturday, while employed in the Foley Confectionery shop, accidentally got his left hand caught in the gears of the freezing machine. He was able to wrest his hand from the vise-like grip and ran hurriedly to Dr. Bernard Hummell's office where it was found the second and third fingers were so badly mangled that they had to be amputated. He was taken to the Nevada City Sanitarium for treatment. Many friends of the lad have expressed their sympathy.

M. ROSENBERG LAID TO REST

Funeral services were held in San Francisco on Sunday morning for the late Morris Rosenberg, aged 90 veteran merchant of Nevada City.

Deceased is survived by his wife Mrs. Rose Rosenberg, a daughter, Mrs. Claire Samuels, and a granddaughter Mrs. Frances White. A brother, Wolf Rosenberg also survives.

Interment was made in the Portals of Eternity cemetery, near San Francisco.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Twenty one Camp Fire Girls and their guardian Miss Rhea Ruppert, of Piedmont spent the week end at Camp Augusta lodge on Lake Vera. They returned home Sunday and another group is to arrive today.

There were a number of girls from Oakland at their camp on the lake during the past week end. Snow is deep enough at Lake Vera for snow sports.

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The Week

By H. M. L. Jr.

Small town life is rarely exciting. Inhabitants of small communities such as Nevada City are not to be blamed entirely if, when a situation containing the elements of excitement arises, they make the most of it. We who are accustomed to the humdrum routine of semi-rural life have a hunger for adventure that is not often satisfied by our quiet mode of existence. Vigilante movements in small towns thrive and grow on this hunger for adventure. Vigilante movements, except in the case where the legal authority is fatally unable or unwilling to attack great tyrannical evils, are inevitably, superfluous and motivated by a few hotheads whose support is chiefly found in those who are anxious to bring into their quiet lives the satisfying stimulant of adventure.

With the tendency to make the most of opportunities for small adventures, country people have a kindred tendency. That kindred tendency is to make much of our little troubles; even to make the most of them. We do naturally not like to admit that almost all of our businesses and affairs are small and of little consequence to any but ourselves. Troubles if they be not vital are sometimes welcome to us in providing for us a change from dull monotony. The great alarums and widespread fear of some undefined disruption to come that have characterized the case of the CIO disturbances at the Murchie mine form an exceedingly pertinent example of this tendency of people in a small community to make mountains out of molehills and enjoy doing it.

People often enjoy moaning to one another about the iniquity one or another institution or organization, which they believe is affecting their lives a great deal more than is actually the case. This often almost pleasant concentration of the darker aspects of neighborhood and community life, is seldom harmful, and forms an outlet for bad feeling which the regular uneventful rut of daily life does not always provide. We are often happier than we like to admit. This tendency to make the most of our trouble has caused a great number of worthy citizens of Nevada City to make from the mole hill of the local IMM&SMU a mountain-like ogre of malevolent strength, biding its time to strike and deprive all good men of their livelihood. In this case our pardonable tendency to enlarge upon our sorrows finds expression in various expressed desires for some sort of a vigilante movement. Vigilante movements have in the recent past of the United States been a veritable angel to labor unions and various radical organizations. Where vigilantism arises there arises a huge chorus of favorable publicity and consequently national sentiment for the persecuted union or radical organization. (This bracketing of labor unions and radical organizations is not meant to imply that they are birds of the same feather in any way; it is merely the fact that unionism and radicalism have both suffered from the activities of vilgantism in this country).

Most citizens in Nevada City have deplored the roughneck tactics used by the local CIO affiliate in their attempted lockout at the Murchie mine. Roughneck action and the scurrilous tone of the publications of the local CIO members have been important factors in bringing condemnation upon the CIO members. Vigilantism with its concomitant evils or roughneck action and disregard of law and order stamps those who approve of it as advocats of a descent to the level of the cheap and disorderly tactics that have characterized the actions and statements of the local IMM&SMU.

Now is the time for us to make the least, not the most of our troubles. The pessimistic attitude hurts business. Just because we do not like the idea of honest local miners having to run a gauntlet of unfriendly but now harmless pickets is no reason to believe that worse will come of this. Let the pickets stay there. They might stay there till kingdom come without changing the situation at the Murchie in the least. The thing that has been hurting business in Nevada City is the pessimistic spirit, and the old tendency to make mountains out of molehills. If at some time in the future, the CIO affiliate is rash enough to make good its implied threats, and attempt again to obstruct the passage of the Murchie miners, the riot that they may cause will be again quelled and there will be a few more occupants of the county jail. How would that affect local business? Not at all, except as much as the citizens of Nevada City let it affect their spirits and their attitude toward buying and spending. That is the worst that will happen—another small time riot. Reports such as those that the IMM&SMU could shut down the Murchie, or that the government will shut down the Murchie, or that the management will shut down the Murchie are stock rumors of those organizations that, not having actual strength, are forced to resort to subterfuge. Rumors of this type have often been discredited in similar situations in the past and they have been discredited in the particular instance of the Murchie case. There is nothing real to fear, nothing dangerous that may happen, and nothing to stir up vigilantism as far as Nevada City's troubles with the CIO affiliate are concerned.

Washington

By W. A. BARTON

It is most fitting that American people should revere in memory, George Washington, the great author of religious liberty and human rights, as held by the first President of our Republic. There is no doubt in the minds of those who believe in a directing Providence who "setteth up kings" and "ruleth in the kingdom of men" that Washington was a man called of God to serve as a leader in the establishment of a new nation upon the great fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty and make possible for the first time in human government the divine proclamation of "liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Washington was the champion of those American ideals which have made the Republic he founded a beacon light to the world. When his mother endeavored to dissuade him from accompanying General Braddock on his hazardous trip to Ohio, Washington set forth his patriotic reasons why he thought he ought to go, and then closed his statement with the one appeal that he knew would win his mother's consent thus.

"Honored Madame" he said respectfully, "The God to whom you commended me when I embarked upon a more dangerous errand defended me against all hazards. He can and will do so again I hope."

In the height of his power and success he said, "all I am I owe to my mother,"

She was a remarkable mother, she made it a lifetime practice to rise early every morning at dawn and spend the first hour of day in silent thought and prayer to prepare herself for the family worship hour, to instruct her children in the principles of the Bible.

The one thought uppermost in the mind of Washington in the framing of the fundamental law of the land during the constitutional convention was that the rights and liberties of the people should be so protected and safeguarded that the new government would be prevented from degenerating into a monarch, oligarchy or aristrocracy or any other form of despotism.

He knew as few men did that the inherent danger which threatened the overthrow of constitutional liberties was as he said: "The love of power and proneness to abuse it which predominates in the human heart ever tempting the administrators of law and justice to override the constitutional guaranties of human rights". One of the noblest acts in the public career of Washington was his unequivocal refusal of the offer of kingship in 1782 at the suggestion of some of his military officers.

When the inaugural oath of office was administered to Washington on April 30, 1789 by the Chancellor of New York who exclaimed "Long live George Washington, president of the United States." President Washington responded "The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republic model of government are justly considered perhaps, as deeply, as finally, staked on the experiment intrusted to the hands of the American people." Let us not only contemplate the lofty ideals as championed by the Father of our country but let us exercise untiring vigilance and fortitude by every lawful means in holding aloft the banner of civil and religious liberty, lest our precious heritage of freedom perish from the earth."

As first President of this our great Republic whose destiny he shaped he was a unique character in all history. Let us not forget that had he not been a directing spirit there would of been no republic. He will ever be remembered by what he did. At the end of his marvelous career in human achievement he returned to private life as a citizen, respected in all the world.

S. F. Fair Sets '39 Fashions

The 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, to be held on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, already is setting the styles for next year. Here Beth Cleve displays a "Treasure Island" bracelet designed by Marie Ayrault and hung with pirate charms. Note the dress print worn by Miss Cleve, showing some of the World's Fair towers and palaces.

CAMPTONVILLE

CAMPTONVILLE, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Lydia Gleason and son Vernon Gleason and Mrs. Grace Gleason motored up from Nevada City Tuesday on a brief visit.

G. E. Hanson passed through town Monday from the upper country enroute to Yountville.

Luke Ramm came down from the Indian Hill section Tuesday on a brief business visit.

J. L. Hallett of Los Angeles was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

J. W. Morehead returned Tuesday from a few days business visit at Oakland.

Barney Lusk of Downieville passed through town Wednesday from Sacramento enroute to his home.

A number of the young people have been having sport the past few days skiing down the mountain side on the Hanson property.

Miss Elsie Ann Price, deputy superintendent of schools of Plumas county at Quincy was in town a couple of days this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Price.

Julius E. Pauly motored to Woodland Wednesday to visit his brother who is confined in the Woodland Clinic.

Mrs. Richard R. Pfiffer left Thursday for a few days visit at Nevada City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Meggers motored to Nevada City Thursday on a short visit.

MINEUREKA CLAIMS

Lawrence Smith, owner of the Mineureka property in the Canada Hill district, has had ten men employed for some time doing development work. The property is closed down temporarily due to lack of power to pump the 60 foot shaft out. Gas has been used, but poles will be installed and power cut in in the next week or ten days. Plans are to sink the shaft an additional 75 feet to contact ore. The shaft is in hard rock and with the heavy flow of water has made sinking slow and impractical.

SHOWER FOR YOUNG MATRON

CAMPTONVILLE, Feb. 18.—The Womens Club of Camptonville tendered a surprise shower on Mrs. Rance Durfee at her home on Spring street Wednesday afternoon. A short time ago the house in which the Durfees were residing burned down, destroying all their household effects, and the Womens Club got up this kitchen utensile shower to help replenish Durfees kitchen. The affair came as as complete surprise and the young housewife was very thankful to the club for their kindness in this instance.

The following were present: Mesdames Richard R. Pfiffer, Frank W. Meggers, Julius A. Cassano, Olive Groves, Lydia O. Groves, Katherine Pauly, Lola B. Cleveland, Lesta H. Joubert.

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It rains, It blows, It flies, It roars,
It scents the summer air.
It shoots across the evening sky,
It sounds the depths below;
But what It is and where It Is—
I'd really like to know.

I wonder what It actually is; my expurgated edition of Webster's best seller, fails to give it any recognition whatever. We hear that It is good, bad, sad or merry. Hollywood informs us that It is "colossal." Elinor Glynn had ideas about It; but no one takes Elinor seriously. We respond to a certain question by saying, "It is I." When startled, we exclaim, "what is It!" The orator begins his oration by saying in all seriousness, "It affords me great pleasure to address so fine and intelligent an audience;" the Judge intones solemnly, "It is with deep regret that I sentence you to sixty days in the county jail." The weather man informs us that It will be cloudy, foggy, or rainy tomorrow: amid all this confusion which is an inheritance from the Tower of Babel, will some one please arise and tell us just what It really is?

I wonder how long a war, factional dispute, or domestic controversy, should be permitted to continue before being adjudged "ripe" and decently composed. The addition of "ripe" and "premature" to our political nomenclature seems to call for further elucidation. Of course no one wishes to rush out and cry "stop it!"—Prematurely; but how is one to know? The Spanish war, for instance, is that conflict "ripe?" The lengthy racket in labor's troubled ranks, is it still Green? It is all confusing. While waiting for more light, I am reminded of a famous scrap so hot, so short and complete, that its principals now dwell upon the shores of the Styx, must for ever bewail their "Premature" and undue haste.

The gingham dog and the calico cat
Side by side in the cat boat sat.
And wailed, "ours wasn't much of a fight;
Over and done in a single night.
So when we are tired of chasing rats
And fights are arranged for us dogs and cats,
We'll be able to fight as long and as well,
As the CIO and the AFL."

Uncle Silas says: "It's right insulting for outside advisory agents, to imply that our local miners would choose a sheriff, who would take his oath of office with his fingers crossed."

—A. MERRIAM CONNER.

SPLIT SECOND BOOK REVIEWS

You haven't forgotten to read Joseph Henry Jackson's Notes on a Drum have you? Spring is coming (or so I'm told!) and you must give yourself time to get the suitcase out, for undoubtedly there will be a general rush for Guatemala!

Now here are some books I think you may like:

War Birds, published by Grosset and Dunlap.

This is an oldie, but it is also a grandie. It is the diary of an unknown aviator, full of the starkness of war seen through young courageous eyes, rippling here and there with little waves of humor and a sort of devil-may-care frankness. Some of the figures of speech are pretty delectable. If you don't already know this book, do try it. I have an idea you will want to buy it for that petest bookshelf of yours.

Then there is And So Victoria by Vaughan Wilkins, and The Square Peg by John Masefield, both published by Macmillan. The Citadel, by A. J. Cronin, Northwest Passage by Kenneth Roberts, The Rains Came by Louis Bromfield, To Have and Have Not, by Ernest Hemingway and Imperial City by Elmer Rice.

These are just a few suggestions for your reading, without any comment because they are all popular books, often reviewed, and by well established authors. Next week we will get down to more detail, in fact I think we may split a few hairs, until then, good reading good people.

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Dated January 24th, 1938.

H. A. CURNOW,
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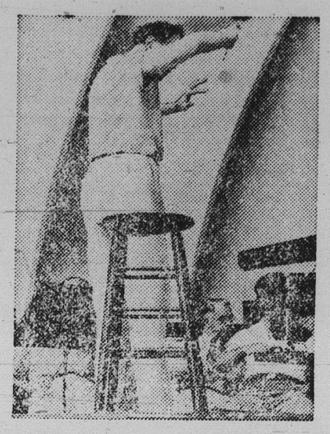
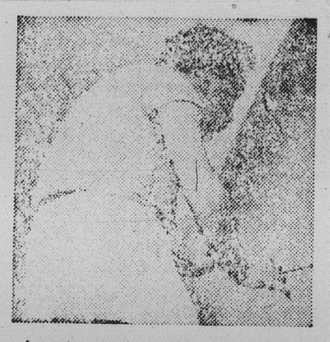


At the morning rehearsal for his Hollywood Bowl concert, Hans Kindler, famed celloist and present conductor of the Washington, D. C., symphony, wields the baton in masterly fashion.



Larghetto—he might be saying, in his candid shot—"slow but not too slow, eh!"

Crescendo—that means "a gradual increase"—like we're having in the cost of living, these days.

Con brio—hammer away, boys, we'll be "under the stars" tonight.

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"It is non-partisan in character and I shall file for the Republican, Democratic and Progressive nominations, first resigning my position as Republican National Committeeman. If elected, I will perform my duties in an impartial manner and, by assisting all state and local law enforcement officers, will endeavor to coordinate their activities to the end that California may become the safest place in America in which to live."

Mrs. Effie Goering had as week end guests her daughter and sister of Reno. Both are former residents and enjoyed visiting their old home.

Jim Baldwin, local mining engineer, has gone to Minnemucca, Nev., on a business trip.

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MARLENE DIETRICH IN "ANGEL" OPENS TUESDAY

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 21.—Marlene Dietrich, it is conceded by fashion authorities here and abroad, is the screen's most glamorous example of how a woman may glorify clothes. One remembers, for instance, what she wore in "Morocco," "Desire" and "way back when," up to her most recent "Knight Without Armour". But never has she had so much fun with clothes, Miss Dietrich says, as she had in making her current society domestic screen drama, "Angel," the Paramount romance coming tomorrow night to the Nevada Theatre.

Miss Dietrich goes to town so far as the clothes question is concerned.

Thanks to that impassioned Paramount fashion expert, Travis Banton, plus Hollywood's untrammeled fare for freedom in original design, "Angel" is swathed in enough feminine allure to launch an international war, let alone a triangle involving these two fascinating screen lovers, Herbert Marshall and Melvyn Douglas.

GOOD JOB FOR CCC BOY

Bill O'Leary, CCC enrollee, gave the local Tahoe National Forest service headquarters notice this morning he was resigning to go to Alaska on Wednesday. Bill will accept a position with his brother as a stage driver the route being from Fairbanks to Circle City, Alaska. In explaining his route he stated Circle City is on the Yukon while Fairbanks is at the end of a 300 mile trip.

Mrs. Tony Rore, corner Nile and Clay streets, entertained at a dinner and party eight guests honoring her husband's birthday. A delightful social time was enjoyed after the delicious dinner.

Mrs. Clara Phillips of this city had as guests Sunday her daughters, Mrs. F. C. Mahon and Mr. Mahon and Mary Laurel Shebley of Sacramento.

Hal D. Draper motored to Sacramento yesterday and returned with his wife and son Roy, who had been spending two weeks in the bay cities visiting relatives.

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Personals

Tony Perez, graduate with the class of 1937, has moved with his father to San Francisco.

Miss Claire Randall and Betty Held of Nevada City and Messrs, Earl Avery and Dick Rodda of Grass Valley were members of a delightful ski party at the Nevada City ski course last Thursday evening.

Elzear Foley, engineer for the division of highways, came up from Stockton and spent the week end in Nevada City with his mother, Mrs. Emma Foley.

Catherine Tognarelli, of Dominican College of San Rafael, Franklin Tuttle of Stanford, Dick Bennett of Stanford, Robert Schiffner of the University of California, Cliff Hoff of University of Nevada, and Betsy Bennet of Dominican College, San Rafael are among the students from Nevada City who are home for the week end and Washington's Birthday.

Mrs. Frank Joyal left today by auto for Caldwell, Idaho, having been called by theserious illness of her son, Fabian, who is suffering with small pox, pneumonia and other complications. The young man left here last fall to attend University of Idaho.

Max Lantz, operator of the Nevada City ski course nine miles east of Nevada City, reports yesterday as being the best day for snow sports since the snow started falling. Over 75 auto loads of sports enthusiasts spent the day at the ski course, enjoying a delightful time in the snow with a perfect day of sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill motored to their summer cabin at Big Bend yesterday. In their party were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hallett and son, Mrs. Minerva Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Sigourney Jr., and son, all of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas DuHane of Sacramento spent Sunday in Nevada City visiting Mr. and Mrs. James F. Dolan.

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(By KATHERINE BRAITHWAITE)

The California Hydraulic Mining Association met in Colfax Saturday afternoon at the Colfax Hotel with President George Hallock officiating. The meeting was opened by the singing of the national anthem led by A. G. Thurman of Colfax who is candidate for assemblyman for the sixth district. Miss Berenice Williams of that city was pianist.

Claude Clark, chairman of the membership drive, said he was very much pleased with the results of the captains and lieutenants in their effort, despite the hardships of bad weather, in bringing new members into the Association. The roster has now overreached the one thousand mark and is going strong. With an enrollment this large representatives of the mining industry in Sacramento and Washington, D. C. may well rest assured they will have ample backing from the northern section of California. It was decided to extend the membership drive to March 12.

Mr. Clark said the C. H. M. A. will ultimately become a clearing house for hydraulic mining and ore mining problems which constantly arise to vex the mining industry. It will also endeavor to lend assastance to the welfare of the many mining communities which it embraces. The aim of the present set up of officers and members is to exhalt the C. H. M. A. and build it up on firm foundations so that it will last for all time.

The recent public reports of the progress being made on the Upper Narrows of the Yuba river are encouraging for they stated the Narrows dam will be built before the Rucky-Chucky dam as the site on the latter is not satisfactory. Plans and specifications for the Narrows dam have been fully approved by the War Department and advertising for bids on the contracts will appear in a few weeks. Enough money has been allocated by the Rivers and Harbors Commiteee to more than halfway complete this particular dam.

The next meeting of the C. H. M. A. will be held March 12 in Nevada City at the National Hotel. At this meeting the usual program will be greatly varied by a distinguished out of town speaker.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By MARY MARTZ

The Nevada City high school basket ball teams played Placer Union at Auburn and were defeated by a very one sided score. The B team played a better game than the A team. The next games to be played will be played with Grant Union of North Sacramento.

SOPHOMORE PROGRAM

The sophomores gave their postponed assembly program Friday. It was in the form of an anthem hour. Rosalie Bagshaw and Naomi Beaton had a skit, Jane Bennet, saxaphone solo, Leila Shaughnessy and Jean Kelly, skit, Jean Davies, Evelyn Sibley, and Margaret Odegaard had a vocal trio. Tony Cartoscelli, accordian solo and Verda Ann Yuen gave a Chinese dance and song. The program was excellet and thoroughly enjoyed.

"PEP" RALLY

A pep rally was held for the Placer Union basket ball game last Friday afternoon. The yells were led by Edna Doolittle and songs by the song leaders, Alice Graham, Madge Pianezzi and Jane Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lashbaugh, interested in the Seven Aces mine at Alleghany are snowed out by eight or ten feet of snow and will not be able to get to the mine for several days. They are visiting in Nevada City with Mr. Lashbaugh's parents, Mr. Lashbaugh stated a program of diamond drilling is to be carried out at the mine as soon as the weather settles.

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